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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant SHOCK-DOC LTD		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

☐ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.: 1

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ None of the figures.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A method of determining the damping factor of a shock absorber includes attaching an accelerometer (12) to one of a first and a second part of the shock absorber. The first- and second parts are displaced relative to one another at least once and the acceleration of the parts relative to each other is measured by reading a signal from the accelerometer (12). The damping factor is then determined by analysis of the measured accelerometer for generating an acceleration signal. A processor (32) is connected to the accelerometer and reads the acceleration signal from the accelerometer thereby to calculate a damping factor of the shock absorber when the first- and second parts of the shock absorber are displaced relative to one another. An indicator (19), responsive to the processor, displays a value representative of the damping factor of the shock absorber.

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CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁷: G01M 17/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC⁷: G01M 17/04

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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